

The Constitution.

ATLANTA, GA., JULY 30, 1879.

Last year the yellow fever at Memphis was declared epidemic on the 24th of August. The fever, however, had been progressing for three or four weeks, and there had been 300 cases and 96 deaths.

One is called the pivotal state because, under the present administration, it is impossible to turn round in Washington without running against a worthy citizen and office-holder from the state.

We regret to learn of the death of Hon. J. M. Brennan, of Bryan county. Mr. Brennan was a member of the present house of representatives, but has been ill with consumption several months.

It is stated that a new republican paper will soon be published in Washington. It will attack itself affectionately and unreservedly to the Grant boor—thus giving our esteemed but cautious contemporary, the National Republican.

One of the significant signs of the times in Georgia is the disposition on the part of certain newspapers to attribute every crime charged or alleged against any person in the democratic party to the fact that he is a democrat; and this disposition is apparently stimulated by a hearty desire to break down the party itself.

Mr. MAGNUSIS, the delegate from Montana, has solemnly protested against any interference on the part of the government with General Miles in his operations against the Indians. If Mr. Magnusis will reflect a moment, he will become satisfied in his own mind that neither he nor General Miles knows as much about the Indians in the far northwest as the Hon. Mr. Schurz, and his able director-general Commissioner Hoyt.

Mr. JAMES, the recently appointed justice of the district supreme court, is an Ohio man. This does not by any means exhaust Ohio. There are still other men in that state who are willing to aid the country in the great work of civil service reform which Mr. Hayes has inaugurated and reinaugurated upon several occasions. In fact, Mr. Hayes himself, as well as John Sherman and Mrs. Jenks, is an Ohio man. The republic is in no condition to seek refuge while any citizen of Ohio remains unprovided for.

Because a democratic paper in South Carolina remarked the other day that the "honest citizens of this country, white and colored, intend to control its affairs by electing honest men to office," papers of the kidney of the New York Tribune raise the cry of "southern intolerance," and complain that it is "a threat to relatives." This bears out every charge we have made against republicans. A proposal to elect honest men to office either in the south or in the north is undoubtedly "a threat to republicans."

As between allowing the property of the state in Millidgeville to decay and giving the people of middle Georgia the benefits of a thoroughly equipped educational institution of high grade, we are in favor of the latter, and we trust the members of the legislature will regard it in this light. The organization of such an institution is not so much in the interests of Millidgeville as it is in the interests of the people of one of the most flourishing sections of Georgia. We hold that these people are entitled to an educational endowment, particularly when such an endowment is altogether in the direction of preserving valuable property owned by the state.

The Verdict of the Legislature.

The discussion over the investigation of the charges against Governor Colquitt in connection with the signing of the bonds of the Northeastern railroad is ended, and we feel that the almost unanimous verdict given in the senate yesterday is in accordance with the wishes and opinions of a very large majority of the people of Georgia. Our columns have contained full and fair reports of the discussion as it progressed both in the house and senate, and the readers of The Constitution are therefore enabled to judge for themselves. We have purposely given more space to the speeches of those who seemed to be adverse to the action which has been finally taken by the legislature in order that there might be no mistake as to the scope and nature of the discussion. Of two admirable speeches delivered in the senate—one by Senator Clarke, and the other by Senator Lester—we had but meagre reports. The efforts of these gentlemen were masterly and unanswerable arguments in favor of an unequivocal verdict in favor of the governor. The final vote on the question was not a surprise, and is especially gratifying to the friends of Governor Colquitt.

The Captors of Ann Morgan.

We cannot express too fully the debt that the public owes to the gallant riders who captured the murderer of the De-foors. These men, Messrs. Kries, Starnes, Goodson and Wright, were constant, persistent, and sagacious in their search.

They were in the saddle day and night, and through rain and storm, and darkness, they struggled on, tracking through the swamps and woods, until at last they run the murderer down. The reward that they get in money is pitiful, compared to the public service they have done.

We should not forget the old negro, Aaron Burks, who voluntarily came in and gave information on which the murderer was caught. Had this old negro not remained quiet, the murderer, hid on his little out-of-the-way farm, would never have been caught. Aaron displayed considerable sagacity and shrewdness in first suspecting this strange negro that came to him on Sunday morning. He quietly worked along close by, until he was satisfied of his guilt, and then slipped off to town and reported him.

In doing this, Aaron violated a precedent of his race, which is to harbor all persons of color, no matter what they are suspected. He has set an example to his race that they should follow. Honest negroes should understand that they are just as much interested in the preservation of order and peace as any white man can be. Old Aaron Burks deserves well of the public. Many of his own people, we learn, are against him, but he may rest satisfied that all white people and all negroes whose opinion is worth having indorse his action and honor for it.

Scribner's and the South.

It is our desire to treat Scribner's Magazine with perfect fairness. We therefore state that Dr. Holland gives the south a disclaimer in the last issue of his periodical—and rather reluctant disclaimer, and one that is hedged about with insinuation—but still a disclaimer. He says that he did not intend to do the south any injustice—that he wrote as an American, knowing no south and no north. The

truth is, he wrote as a poet, knowing no fact and no truth. He had been misled by partisan newspapers that have no object but misrepresentation. It is because of his high character for fairness and honesty that we give him credit for ignorance rather than malice.

With his disclaimer, Dr. Holland prints a long and capable article from Dudley G. Wootton, of Texas, replying to the strictures of the June number. Dr. Holland says that Mr. Wootton and the south admit his charges, and simply reply "you are another?" That is precisely what we desire, for, strange as it may appear, the mass of negro voters in the south have never yet heard the democratic case fully and fairly presented. They have been kept away from the polls by the white adventurers who first assumed control of them, and latterly by men of their own color who assume to lead them. Our Utica contemporary doubtless remembers that when the democrats attempted to meet the republican speakers in South Carolina, the leaders would disperse the meeting and afterwards complain that they had been attacked and mobbed by rifle clubs. By all means let republicans enter the south, and if necessary let them bring their tents and cooking utensils and stay until after the election, as Editor Roberts suggests. They, as well as the masses of negro voters, would have their eyes opened.

The Quinine Fraud.

Beyond all question, the quinine war will have to be reinaugurated when congress meets in December. We have already alluded to the fact that the bill which passed at the extra session placing the drug upon the free list is, in the nature of things almost wholly inoperative, and altogether ineffectual. It is probable that the worthy gentlemen who had the measure in charge, and secured its passage with so little opposition, were in total ignorance as to the result that would follow, but it seems clear now, considering that the passage of some such law was inevitable, that if the quinine professors had been given the privilege of framing the act, they would have accepted the bill precisely as it was passed. For it has come to pass that consumers, in searching for a substitute for quinine, have been compelled to use the sulphate of the alkaloid known as cinchonidine or cinchonidina, and this substitute they have found valuable and comparatively inexpensive. Upon the alkaloids, of which cinchonidine is the principal one, there is still a duty of forty percent, and the monopolists have already begun to show their hands. When they threatened to stop the manufacture of quinine, after the passage of the bill, they merely expressed a desire to get behind the duty on the alkaloids. The sulphate of quinine had become so much the creature of speculation and oppression, that its manufacturer had already been superseded to a great degree by the cheaper alkaloids.

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COTTON AND WEATHER.

COTTON, middling uplands, closed in Liverpool yesterday at 6½; in New York at 11 11 36c; in Atlanta at 11 12 36c.

The Signal Service Bureau report indicates for today, in Georgia, slightly warmer and partly cloudy weather, and local rains, winds mostly from south to west, and no change in the barometer.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.
OMNIBUS OFFICE, SIGNAL CORPS, U. S. A.
KIMBALL HOUSE, July 29, 10:31 P.M.
All observations taken at the same moment of each time.

NAME OF STATION.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Wind.	Clouds.	Weather.
Atlanta	29.98	75	W. Gentle	100	Rain.
Augusta	30.00	75	S. Gentle	100	Cloudy.
Gainesville	29.90	85	E. Gentle	100	Fair.
Indianola	29.94	75	N. Gentle	100	Fair.
Mobile	30.04	85	E. Fresh	100	Fair.
Montgomery	29.97	75	N. Gentle	100	Fair.
Pensacola	30.01	75	N. Gentle	100	Fair.
Vicksburg	29.95	78	S. Light	100	Cloudy.
Wilmington	30.05	77	S. Calm	100	Cloudy.

*100 per cent. being compared to maximum.

**200 per cent. being compared to minimum.

NOTE.—The Wind, Light, 1 to 2 miles per hour; Inclusive; Gentle, 2 to 5, inclusive; Fresh, 5 to 14, inclusive; Breeze, 15 to 29, inclusive; High, 30 to 50, inclusive.

Local Weather Report.
ATLANTA, GA., July 21, 1879.

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